## TORNADO SWEEPS ILLINOIS TOWNS: 7 REPORTED DEAD

Child Carried Mile From Home by Twister-Orphanage Narrowly Escapes.

CHICAGO, April 17. floods, unequalled in the last half century, swept Illinois and Indiana today, causing huge property loss and devastating villages and farms.

Reports state that seven persons were killed and about thirty-five injured, some seriously, in the tornado which struck the section about Irvington early to-day. One woman was ported killed instantly at Lake Ceatralia. Irvington is a coal mining own of 250 population. Nearly every building was demolished.

The storm struck shortly before A. M. Its fury lasted but a few minutes. Rain continued falling, hinder-ing the relief work and drenching the homeless. Shelters were quickly built to take care of the women and children. With the coming of dawn sur vivors began searching the wreckage

One family of seven, all injured were dragged from the ruins of their Two children were reported in critical condition at the result of cuts from window glass.

The Hudelson House, a Baptis ohphanage, housing several hundred hildren, was narrowly missed by the twister which destroyed all authorita-The Illinois Central station was

The two daughters of Valentine Schuster, Martha, eight, and Levina, fifteen, were swept away by the gale The crushed body of one was reported recovered a mile from her home while the other has not been found. Farmhouses in surrounding territor.

were wrecked. Reports said a farme named Winegardner was killed. The Gilead Church, between Cen

tralia and Irvington, was destroyed Many persons were injured in farm Reports say that a tornado struct Walnut Hill, a town of 100 persons

nd the village of Shockville. Near Montrose two houses were demol ished, the occupants escaping injury by fleeing to the celtars. A hail and rainstorn following the tornado and at Fayette broke windows in the Howard Payne College.

The Illinois River reached the highest stage in fifty years, flooding 200,000 acres of fertile farm lands and causing intense suffering among families driven from their Levees on the Illinois River near Beardstown, flooding housands of acres. In some places the water was fifteen feet deep. Heavy livestock loss was reported. Nearly every building in downtown Heardstown was inundated.

Rain during the night added to suffering of hundreds of families driven from their homes and living in tents. Indiana rivers, running bank full, were further swollen by a cloudburst ever the central part of the State to-

#### **BIG STORM IS MOVING** EASTWARD FROM LAKES HEADED FOR NEW YORK

The following advisory message dated Vashington was received this morning by the Local Weather Bureau:

"Southwest storm warning hoisted 11 A. M. from Cape Henry to Eastport, Disturbance over Great Lakes will infrease in intensity and move castward. Strong southerly winds will increase and become of gale force.

Storms west of Pittsburgh seriously brippled all wire service to-day. The American Telephone and Telegraph Company reported it could only guarantee limited service into many cities. At 9.30 their big Philadelphia-Chieago circuit, carrying forty wires,

#### LIQUOR-SOAKED TOBACCO.

Workmen Smoked It and It Was Seen That They Were Drunk.

YAUKEGAN, Ill., April 17 .- The enlive structure of Volsteadism has come trashing down through the discovery of an unnamed Wankegan genius. Officials have noticed recently that intbriety was greatly on the increase, particularly among factory workers. Many of these men, who went to the shops sober in the morning, had to be escorted home at night after a police-man had pried them loose from the lamp post. Throaty serenades and barbershop harmonies kept the dogs howling all night and woke up all the bables.
Vigorous search of hip pockets and Vigorous search of hip pockets and immer pails brought no results. No hasks were being carried. However, Chief of Police Tyrell has solved the problem, but admits he is powerless to remedy the situation. The liquor is there all right, but it is not drunk. It is merely smoked.

It has been discovered that the new crop of hooch hounes take a liberal binch of snuff, soan it in moonshine

pinch of snuff, soan it in moonshine until it is thoroughly saturated, then cram it into a pipe, a little joose tobacco

s pressed on top and the "sandwich" s ready to be inhaled.
As small a quantity as an ounce of moonshine, it is said, will impart the legiced kick lesired kick.

HIS OLD WATCH.

BELLEVILLE, Kan., April 17.—G. E. riffin has a watch made in 1573, 349 cars ago, that is still in good running The inscription shows that it made in England by "John Per-London."

Griffin was in the jewelry and watchorimn was in the jewery and watchmaking business for thirty-five years,
and the watch came into his possession
some years ago and be retained it as
relic. It is a key wind with an old
tyle chain movement. The watch is an
old-looking one, much thicker and
mayier\_athan those of to-day. Each ouvier than those of to-day. Each weement is set with diamonds, the use is of sterling silver.

SHE WILL DIRECT HUGHES TO REMIND TO AID WAR ORPHANS



MRS JOHN A DRAKE

Italian Leaders and Local Philanthropists to Stage Affair at the Vanderbilt.

Italy's suffering war orphans are to be the beneficiaries of a gorgeous balla di primavera to be given at the Hotel Vanderbilt next Saturday evening unler the immediate patronage of Mrs T. F. Bernardi, wife of the Royal Italan Consul General. Leaders of local Italian society, representatives of th Italian Government in this country, as well as New Yorkers of philanthropic nstinct, have joined hands to make the affair a brilliant success. Mrs. Bernardi is the Chairman of the Erecu ve Committee, and Mrs. John Adams Drake, whose success in raising funds to buy milk for Italian children has been unusual, is her chief licutenant. Vice Chairman and director. Mrs. Walton H. Marshall is a Vice Chairman, Mrs. Henry J. Burchell and Miss Marie Frugone, the secre-tary, completing the Executive Com-

#### SIX RESCUED AS TUG SINKS IN THE CHANNEL

The William Morris Springs a Leak Ambrose Light.

The tugboat William Morris of the Clifton Towing Corporation, Staten Isl nd, sank at the entrance of Gedney Channel a few minutes after Capt. Osch four other men and an eleven-year-old boy were rescued by the turbout Mar-garet Sanford, Capt. William Wright. The Morris, was towing an empty barge from the Shrewsbury River to New York and struck heavy seas. After wallowing for hours, Capt. Oach cut away the barge, but the tugbont began to leak. Finally all the men had to go over the side and cling to their sinking craft. Those rescued, besides the Cap-tain, were Charles Shults, engineer, and his eleven-year-old son, Charles jr. William Andersen and Neil Johnson firemen, and the barge tender. The abandoned barge later was found towed in. The Morris, valued at \$150.-600, sank one mile south of Ambrose Lightship.

#### WIRES KILL EAGLES.

Have Met Death by Contact.

FRANKFORT, Kan., April 17.—Two large American or white-head eagles have been killed near here recently as a result of coming in contact with tele-phone and electric transmission lines. Joe Bradley, telephone manager, ex-presses the belief that the birds struck presses the belief that the birds struck the wires accidentally while making an aerial "nose dive" to swoop down on unsuspecting prey. The eagle which struck the telephone line wrecked the line for a distance of 400 feet, tearing the brackets off the poles and breaking a number of heavy No. 12 wires. So fierce a fight did the bird put up when linemen attempted to extricate him that it was necessary to kill him. The bird was held fast by the end of a broken wire which had become wrapped about wire which had become wrapped about one leg.

The eagle which came in contact with

one leg.

The eagle which came in contact with the transmission line put the town in darkness for several hours until linemen had found the cause of the short circuit and removed the dead bird from the wires. The eagle is an exceedingly rare bird in this part of the country and Bradley thinks they must have been carried in from the Rocky Mountains by recent heavy storms. been carried in from the Rock tains by recent heavy storms.

JAIL EMPTY.

VALPARAISO, Ind., April 17.—The Porter County Jail was empty for the first time in fifteen years. This unusual state of affairs was brought about one day by the discharge of, eight prisoners. For many years the city has put its prisoners in the County Jail owing to lack of space to house violators of the law. Local authorities have been busy during the last three months eleming up the city and at least a cleaning up the city and at least a dozen men are serving prison terms as a result.

#### When Mother Cooks the Dinner

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# SENATE RUSSIAN ENVOY IS IMMUNE

Department Preparing to Block Subpoena of Bakhmeteff in Semenoff Inquiry.

WASHINGTON, April 17. - The State Department is understood to be preparing to call the attention of the Senate Labor Committee to the usual diplomatic immunity of Foreign Am bassadors in connection with the comnittee's subpoena of Boris Bakhme teff, the las accredited Bussian Am bassador here, to testify in its investigation of the affairs of Gen. Gregorie

ons is understood to have been ommunicated to the department by mbassy officials, and although n ne at the department would express an opinion on the subject, the im on was given to-day that Mr Bakhmeteff still might reasonably be regarded as a full fledged Ambassador lespite the fact that the Kerensky Government, which sent him here, ent out of existence five years ago. Ambassador Bakhmeteff, today re used to comply with the sbpoena out said he is willing to have any in ormation in his possession presented o the committee.

#### CROWD AT JAIL **GATHERS TO PEEK** AT GEN. SEMENOFF

Another aggressively curious crowathered to-day outside the window Warden Johnson's office at Ludlov treet Jail for a sight of Gen. Some noff, the erstwhile "Terror of Si beria." The General had been brough o the office to receive a visit from his vife and his aide, Col. George Kroup sky. It was finally necessary to draw he shade to thwart the curious.

Apparently Gen. Semenoff is ac epting more cheerfully his enforced stay at the jail. When it was time his morning for the exercise of th ifteen other inmates, the Cossac paced up and down the yard and then took a bench and lost him self in a Russian newspaper. All th while he was under close scrutiny of esidents of the neighborhood from their windows. The customary police guard was maintained on the jai of to prevent any one throwing hings at the General.

A telegram has been sent by United States District Attorney Hayward to Senator Borah, who asked if Sem noff might not be tried here for the American soldiers in in it Col. Hayward stated hat he is not subject to prosecution n the Federal Courts nor by any State owing to lack of jurisdiction He said he could be tried only by the lovernment now or hereafter mainmining sovereignty over the territory where the acts were committed.

### Dinner Guest Marries Daughter Of Host as Bride's Parents and Sisters Look On in Surprise

Col. Richard Hooker Weds Miss Dorothea Willard at End of Meal.

PARSON THERE ON TIME

Pair Rush Off on Honeymoon After Unannounced Newport Ceremony.

NEWPORT, R. I., April 17 .- Col. Richard Hooker of the Marine Corps attached to the Naval War College, was the guest of Col. and Mrs. Joseph H. Willard at a dinner party given at their home Saturday evening, and without any previous intimation to the family greatly surprised them by marrying Miss Dorothea Willard, his host's daughter, who is well known in

Stanley C. Hughes of Trinity Church came to the Willard residence by appointment and the arrangements for the wedding were quickly made by the bridal pair. The only witnesses to the wedding were Col. and Mrs. Willard and the Misses Natalja and Roberta Willard, their daughters. Soon after the wedding Col. and Mrs. Hooker left by boat for New

On completion of his course at the and war College in June Col. Hooker will \$2,000.



take his bride to Camp Benning, Ga.

BURGLARS STEAL CHURCH SAFE. NIAGARA FALLS, N. Y., April 17 .urglars last night entered the St. and stole the church safe. The safe con-tained the chalice, other altar utensils and money, valued at approximately

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ONE-LEGGED ROBIN.

Its Return to a Kansas Fara

PARSONS, Kan., April 17.—Spring

which they were reared.

Dan Bliss, a farmer near Columbus, four years ago caught a robin in a trap on his farm and its leg was severed. The family cared for it tenderly until fail, when it left for the South. Every year the one-legged robin has been the

A few days ago the robin appeared and, uttering a gay spring warble, flew down to cat with the chickens. "Sure means spring," said Farmer Bliss.

LIKE SOLOMON.

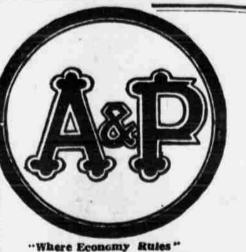
Indge Proves an Old Adage, s

Rooster Is Like Other Chickens. WILSON, N. C., April 17.-Mayor illiette, called upon in City Court here to enact the role of Solomon in a case ently familiar roast,

arst to return to the Bliss home to stay involving ownership of a Dominicker rooster, settled the question and at the same time proved the adage that "chickens go home to roost."

Liler Thompson swore out a warrant charging Annie Graham with stealing a

rooster. The Mayor, recalling that chicken were reputed to "go home to roost." decreed that at sundown the Dominicker be placed midway between the two homes. The roosier ended the die pute by selecting Liler's chicken house and settling comfortably on the appar-



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